



 **STORIKA**  
**THE 50 LEGENDS.**  
*Be inspired, Document and Share*

**No one cares until someone cares; be that one!**  
– Ken Poirot

## **Dedication**

For elders out there, who perceive and think that they cannot do anything because of their advanced ages, and to the youth who do not engage themselves in opportunities left and right, believe there is somethings that you can do, and lastly, we dedicate this to organisations that think they got nothing to support elderly in their intervention.

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We would also like to extend our gratitude to the older people forum leaders in all regions in Tanzania. Whose role was in identifying these elder legends and introducing team save elders in communities.

Lastly, to our volunteers and friends who work hand in hand to ensure storika legend stories are successfully collected with the quality set and standards

## Introduction message

When we celebrate books, we celebrate activities – writing, reading, translating and publishing – which helps individuals to raise and fulfil themselves, and so we celebrate this in a fundamental way, the freedoms that make possible. Join us as we celebrate with all older persons who dare to try no matter their age and disabilities.

I am so delighted to introduce you to STORIKA, the 50 legends story book that will inspire and motivate communities to work hard no matter their age restrictions. We have joined hands and have had support collecting the stories and now we are here to celebrate.

Key takeaway from reading this book: We are searching for more interventions in supporting older persons in expanding their business, equipping them with more skills in their work, simplifying their work and connecting them with marketing.

Today as we recognise and celebrate 50 of them in this book, the ones that dared, but then again tomorrow we need to reach more and celebrate them under our partnerships.  
Karibu saveelders.

SARAH EDGAR LAMBA



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## Handmade products

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Mary B Maira is a 60 year old woman, residing in Singida, she is Nyaturu by tribe. Bibi Mary is a both a religious and a community leader, a retired secondary school teacher from Paloti Seminary at Singida.

Mary is a legend because she is self-empowered, self-motivated and driven as well as being educated and innovative. She makes beads, rosary and tasbeeh tools that are used by Christians and Muslims respectfully for prayer, that she sells to believers of those faiths with respect. Mary tells us that the initial investment cost is lower compared to the profit she gains. Mary loves learning, she still enjoys gaining new insights into things despite her age, and learning for her is a lifelong process.

Thank you Mary Maira, you are a legend.

*By Ismaili Sarumbo (ST Volunteer)*



**Mary B  
Maira**

## The book author and initiator of Kopa mbuzi

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Abdallah Mohamed Majumba is in his mid-Seventies, he resides in Lindi-Tanzania and is a Ngindo by tribe. Abdallah is an author to a book titled "The missing social protection in Tanzania" as well as the founder of a community support group called "kopa mbuzi, lipa mbuzi" a skim that allows his fellow old men and women earn a living by selling goats where as one would raise a flock of goats by borrowing a breeding pair from Abdallah and return them after the pair gave out offsprings.

What drove Abdallah to become supportive of fellow old people was the inspiration gained earlier on in his life from his grandparents, this made him want to assist others later on in his life. By supporting others, this made him visible to the public and after a while attracted the attention of a n Australian support group that facilitated his writing and publishing of this book.

Thank you Abdallah, you're a legend.

*By Flora Musira (STVolunteer)*



**Abdallah  
Mohamed  
Majumba**

## A proud poultry farmer.

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Grace is in her early 70s. She was born and raised in Dodoma where she still resides to this day. She started poultry farming as a means to earn a living some years ago, and she does this at her home compound. She is a legend because she is an independent woman, she is sophisticated, innovative and she is a shoulder for others.

Grace is a very supportive person, she has been making guidelines and instructing both the youth and old people on how to start a poultry farm and more importantly how to sustain the investment. She has employed modern techniques in her investment, she also widens her market and sells not only around her home but to other markets as well, she supplies meat and eggs from the chicken she keeps. This earns her enough to support her family and save for future use.

Thank you Grace, you're the legend.

*By Munira Yusuph (ST Volunteer)*



**Grace  
Mwaja**



## Ridge Farmer and Trainer.

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Hassan Hausa Mchopa, is a 65 year old man, he lives in Lindi-Magomeni. Hassan is a small scale farmer he practises a farming method called ridge farming, people from his community have always taken interest in his style of farming and they frequently visit him to learn the method, he also has investments in Newala. We appreciate Hassan as our legend because he is innovative, updated, open-minded and a risk taker.

He purchased the plot when he was at a young age, and started farming after he had retired from teaching primary school. He recently cultivated cassava for sale and for own consumption. The practice of farming is very helpful for him and very productive in Mtwara due to arable land. Hassan's community has positive regards for him because he is a hard-working member in the community, he urges the youth to invest now so as to live comfortably in their old age.

Thank you Hassan, you're the legend.

*By Flora Musira (ST Volunteer)*



**Hassan  
Hausa  
Mchopa**

## A National Patriot

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Said Mapesa Mwiya, is an 80 year old man, residing in Bariadi-Simiyu. He is Kerewe by tribe, Said along with his colleagues founded the Bariadi District in 1970. He is a legend because of his leadership experience, being a fighter, a patriot and an engaging person.

During his younger years he was a champion for nationalism and development, this gave him the chance to work closely with the government of Tanzania. Said was born in Bunda-Musoma but later moved to Bariadi due to some social conflicts. He joined the TANU military unit in 1954 that was well known as UHURU TANU under the TANU association. As part of his patriotic and nationalism championship he attended the famous Arusha declaration in 1974.

Thank you Said, you're the legend.

*By Time Rashidi (ST Volunteer)*



**Said  
Mapesa**

## Youth Empowering

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Saimon Simon, he is in his 70s, Saimon was born and raised in Dodoma, he is a Gogo by tribe. He is an owner of a plantation that has hired more than 20 short term labourers. He is a legend because he is empowered, innovative and supportive.

Saimoni, he invested on his farm for almost 7 years now, and he has been transporting the harvest product in the market by himself and by help of the empowered youth. He learns everyday how to improve his farming activity to modern farming. He found modern farming to be more productive and it has lesser risk when compared to the practice or common way of farm. For now he is saving little money and planning to have a huge machine for processing and helping during farm preparation. Best of luck Saimon.

Thank you Saimon, you're the legend.

*By Munira Yusuf (ST Volunteer)*



**Saimon  
Simon**

## Extraordinary and Committed

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Hafsa Ismail Kiasile resides at Ubungo-Dar-es-salaam she is 61 years old. Her ethnic tribe is Hehe. She is a Social Worker and Assistant Secretary of Elders Council-Tanzania and also an Entrepreneur with interests in shops and rental homes. She is a legend because of her hardworking demeanour, leadership skills and her genuine commitment to various issues.

She has been a good example through opening her business of retail shops and rental homes. She started her shop with a loan of 800,000/= and has managed to increase her business with time, although she has been faced with a challenge of being denied more loans due to her age (the banks believe that as an elder she might not live long enough to repay the loan). With all these experiences, she really deserves to be a legend!

Thank you Hafsa, you're a legend.

*By Jacqueline Raphael (ST Volunteer)*



**Hafsa  
Ismail  
Kiasile**

## The Power of having supportive children

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Magreth Samson Higita from Kasulu-Kigoma is a 70 year old woman who is a Lufiti by tribe. Magreth is an entrepreneur, she owns a store at the market place and she also engages herself in small-scale vegetable farming around her home compound. She is a legend because she loves to do what she is doing right now and she believes that happiness is key to life.

She loves being happy. She feels most alive and happy when tending to her business at the market place and when she is interacting with other market vendors, making stories and laughing that enhances her day. Magreth has been blessed with five children who have always been supportive of her, in fact the seed capital for her venture came from her children, and now her business sustains itself.

Thank you Magreth, you're a legend.

*By Christina Kavumvuli (STVolunteer)*



**Magreth  
Samson  
Higita**

## Voluntary work has no age limit

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Jonas Maneno is a 74 year old Community Health Worker residing in Mwanza-Tanzania. He voluntarily educates people about HIV/AIDS and other health-related issues so that they can realise the importance of checking and knowing their health status.

For more than 14 years, he has sensitised many people of different ages and groups to willingly test for HIV/AIDS and those infected to enrol for Care and Treatment services and follow up to ensure they consistently adhere to their medicine and eat a proper diet. He is a legend because he is an inspiring individual, he is motivating, supporting and engaging to the community. Jonas's age is not a limit; he continues to educate people at his own place with the experience he has acquired throughout his services.

Thank you Jonas, you're a legend.

*By Beatrice Mwijage (ST Volunteer)*



**Jonas  
Maneno**

## An opportunity seeker

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Elieza Raymond Mruti is a 70 year old man who resides in Arusha, he is Pare by tribe. Elieza has invested in livestock keeping, poultry to be specific. Over the years he had managed to save up some money so that he could purchase an incubation machine for chicken eggs.

The aim was increasing productivity as well as value in his produce. He has now increased his earnings by selling eggs, chicks and fully-grown chicken for meat. Elieza is a legend because of his capabilities of identifying opportunities and working towards exploiting them for profit. For him, he is so happy when young people of his age visit his home to learn and support his business.

Thank you Elieza, you're a legend

*By Flora Masuka (ST Volunteer)*



**Elieza  
Raymond**

## The power of volunteerism

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Hamis Kiza Nyumirwa is a 70 year old man residing at Uvinza-Kigoma. Hamis Kiza is Muha by tribe. Hamis has been an active member of his community through leadership roles that he plays in the society and in religion. He has also been active in volunteering work for many years and has been a pillar in his community.

Hamis is a legend because of the political influence he has as well as economical and moral contribution he has given to his community. Apart from his role as a political, religious and a community leader. Hamis has also invested in farming and construction work. In the past he had worked for the government under the leadership of the late Mwl. Julius Nyerere in the 1990's.

Thank you Hamis, you're a legend

*By Christina Kavumvuli (STVolunteer)*



**Hamisi  
Kiza  
Nyumirwa**



## The choirmaster

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Pascal Florian Mwarabu, is in his late 70's, he resides at Morogoro-Ifakara, and he is Bunga by tribe. Hamis is a choirmaster and song writer at his church. His talents budded when he was a young boy in primary school, as he tried fitting into different groups to develop his career. Mzee Pascal is a legend because of his innovation, talent and creativity as well as devotion.

Earlier in life he had aspirations to become a musician but ended up training and working as a teacher in a government school. In his spare time he joined choir practices at his local church and over the years he became the choir's master having written many songs for the choir too. Paschal feels fulfilled to be part of the choir, having to live his aspiration of being a singer, composing songs with uplifting messages from bible verses.

Thank you Paschal, you're a legend.

*By Abby Arton (ST Volunteer)*



**Pascal  
Florian  
Mwarabu**

## Retired with multi-roles

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Jumanne Haruni Mabango, famously known as "Mzee Kachara" a name he gained from his football playing skills. Kachara is a 74 year old man, he resides in Kaliua District in Tabora region he is a Muha by tribe. He is a multi-tasker, who is a civil servant, a masonry expert, a football player, a farmer and a freedom fighter. He is a legend because of his patriotism, has a great life story and his ability to multitask.

He has been a loyal and devoted civil servant for the Tanzanian government since 1961 and a lot of historical anecdotes move and live within him. He is now so good at explaining our history and feels so comfortable when doing this, a very good storyteller to be precise. He is so proud of the government's support in taking care of older people in Tanzania and is a well-engaged person in community activities, in most cases, he is always a community advisor.

Thank you Jumanne, you're a legend.

*By Christina Kavumvuli (ST Volunteer)*



**Jumanne  
Haruni  
Mabango**

## The woman with the wheelbarrow

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Marselina Paskali Mroso is a chaga by tribe, she is in her mid-60s, Marselina Paskali resides at Sanawari – Arusha. Marselina is famous by the name 'Mama tembeza' and this is because she is a street vendor, she sells cassavas and potatoes on her wheelbarrow from street to street. She tells us she enjoys meeting new people each day as she crosses various streets to sell her produce.

This trade earned her a living and means to support her family for many years now. She is a legend because she is an extraordinary person and very charming. For her vending her produce in a wheelbarrow, street to street is a unique means for gaining customers, unlike other vendors who are stationary at fixed market stalls. She was quoted saying 'If I walk around I meet new customers unlike those who are stationary, but it also keeps her busy and she gets to exercise.

Thank you Marselina, you are a legend.

*By Flora Masuka (ST Volunteer)*



**Marselina  
Paskali  
Mroso**

## Teaching is a calling to serve humanity.

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Elias Ngwangineza famously known as 'Mda' or 'hamjambo', these names come from the way Elias has been engaging himself in various social activities. Elias is 68 years old, he lives in Kasulu-Kigoma a Ha by tribe. He is a community leader, an artist and a writer. He writes speeches, composes poems and program schedules.

Elias used to be an English and Swahili language teacher since 1976, he has experience in teaching and leading students to perform well. Elias prefers volunteering over getting paid for a service and this has made him receive a lot of blessing which brings him happiness. One of his best practices as a teacher was being good at map reading and moderating my class to be imaginative. In the year 2004, he won best employee of the year at Akabanga primary school, Elias is proud of this until today. Best servant of the year.

Thank you Elias, you are a legend

*By Christina Kavumvuli (STVolunteer)*



**Elias  
Ngwangineza**

## Mushroom Farmer

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Bibi Maria Buleji, she was born and raised in Dodoma. She is a Gogo by tribe. She is 75 years old. Bibi Maria is mostly a farmer, she has invested her time in mushroom farming. She has employed more than 6 young men and women in her farm and has imparted her farming knowledge and skills to more than 10 older people on how to go about mushroom farming.

Maria uses a local method, boiling the mushrooms, hanging them to dry in the sun and storing them in plastic bags so they can last long. She says young people should grab this opportunity of mushroom farming because it needs little time to attend to and harvesting is even easier and it gives faster earnings, since mushrooms are a healthy food, rich in protein and very delicious and she earns enough where as a kg of Mushroom is around 12000 Tzs. Maria is a legend because of her creativity in farming and the product she grows makes it even more unique, she is a hard worker with very good social skills.

Thank you Maria, you're a legend.

*By Munira Yusuf (ST Volunteer)*



**Maria  
Buleji**

## The Tailor

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Atanasi Nyimbi is a 63-year-old tailor residing at Peramiho--Ruvuma region. He is famous for his hard work and his participation in his community, he is also a retired technical school teacher, and he owns a clothing store, stationery store and maize milling machine. He loves to invest his spare time in farming and motivating the youth in his community. He is a legend because of his daring spirit and commitment.

From his hard work and commitment, Atanasi has been awarded a certificate of appreciation from his church and recognition from his community where the street where he lives has been given his name as 'NYIMBI STREET.' He advises youth to be hardworking and have discipline in how they earn and spend.

Thank you Atanasi, you're a legend

*By Janeth Cletas (ST Volunteer)*



**Atanasi  
Nyimbu**

## The Project Leader and Visionary

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Philipo Oswald Katyale was born and raised in Peramiho Ruvuma. He is a 68-year-old farmer focusing on cash crops such as maize and sunflower. He founded an older persons farming project within his community where older people get access to entrepreneurship and health related education.

Assisting older people to become independent.

Philipo's unique communal project promotes cooperation among elders and capacitates them on different issues. He is so proud of his coordination role and of the project because now elders in his community are financially independent and able to obtain needs without asking for support from their children. We call him a legend because of the leadership, support and engagement in assisting his fellow elders.

Thank you Philipo, you're a legend.

*By Janeth Cletas (ST Volunteer)*



**Philipo  
Oswald  
Katyale**

## A modern pork farmer

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Peter Amos Mkwama, well known as 'Mzee Mkwama', resides at Iringa-Tanzania, he is in early 80s. Peter has invested much of his time in livestock keeping, specifically running a pork farming project. He raises his pigs using modern methods including medicating his pigs from various diseases, this has helped him earn around 300000-600000 Tzs depending on the weight of the pigs to be sold.

Peter has been motivating unemployed youth in his community to engage in pork farming projects because it is marketable and the process is uncomplicated. Peter told us that he sometimes sells portions of fresh meat or the whole pig at once depending on the customer's needs. He is a legend because he has identified and utilised an opportunity that was present in his community

Thank you Peter, you're a legend.

*By Munira Yusuf (ST Volunteer)*



**Peter  
Amos  
Mkwama**



## The carpenter and wood artist

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Meet Adamia Chotipembe Wilagila, he is a 74 year-old-man, born and raised in Iringa, he is a hehe by tribe. Adamia is an experienced carpenter and we had seen samples of his work, very beautifully crafted home furniture such as beds, chairs and tables. He chose carpentry after realising the opportunity in front of his eyes was the abundance of good timber in Iringa, and for this reason, we recognize him as a legend.

From his carpentry and woodworks he has been able to earn a living as well as saving up money and investing in other ventures that add up to his income, for instance he owns properties that he rents out for business space (shops frame), he also has a poultry farming project. Over the years he has achieved in training unemployed youth as well as fellow older persons in the same venture that he has invested in.

Thank you Adamia, you're a legend.

*By Munira Yusuf (STVolunteer)*



**Adamia  
Chotipembe  
Wilagila**

## The shoe maker and repair

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Phabiano Nyonga who resides in Babati–Manyara region. Phabiano is 80 years old, he is an Iraki by tribe. He has invested more than 50 years in shoe–repairs/ cobbler business. He enjoys doing his work because every day he gains new ideas and produces new designs. Initially he was a mechanical engineer and due to time he decided to have personal business aside, and this was shoe repairing. He is a legend because of his uniqueness and engagement.

He generates an income through his business and this provides him with the resources he needs for taking care of his family, his children's tuition fees as well as putting meals on the table. He is a legend due to his hard work and work commitment. He was quoted saying no matter your education level, what matters is hard work, innovation and commitment.

Thank you Phabiano, you are a legend.

*By Jessica Ngawe (ST Volunteer)*



**Phabiano  
Nyonga**

## Bicycle repair and maintain

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Daniel Bungee, he is 60 years old. Daniel resides at Babati-Manyara, he is a fyome by Tribe. Where he is from bicycles are common means of transport, realising this opportunity he decided to pick up a trade as a Bicycle repair and maintainer.

He performs a quality job and hence this has made him a popular fundi, giving him more clients than others. He is a legend because of his quality work in bicycle repairing that gives him more customers compared to others. He has two young trainees/apprentices at his work station who work with and assist him. Mzee Daniel does quality and reassuring work for his customers, when he repairs a customer's bicycle the customer is reassured that it will not break down again for a very long while. He has been doing this for 5 years now.

Thank you Daniel, you're a legend

*By Ally Nyamhoza (STVolunteer)*



**Daniel  
Bugee**

## The electrical engineer.

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Meet Benedict Marandu Appi. He is an 80 year old man, he is a Mechanical Engineer by trade, Benedict lives in Babati-Dareda and he is an Iraki by tribe. He deals with car repairs and maintenance of heavy machinery like tractors used for farming in his community.

He is a legend because he had engaged himself in a highly demanding work and in the process empowering the youth with his mechanical skills in his workshop. He started off as a farmer but now has 40 years of experience as a mechanical engineer and skills were passed from his father to him the same way he intends to train youth and transfer his skills to them.

Thank you Mzee Benedict, you're a legend

*By Jessica Ngawe (ST Volunteer)*



**Benedict  
Marandu  
Appi**

## Herbal Healer

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Saidi Mwichande Muhina famously known as 'afande', is a 70 year old man, he lives in Tabora he is a Makua by tribe. He has been an herbal healer in his community for many years. He gathers herbs from a nearby forest, he treats bones and muscles related issues. He is a legend because he is a traditional healer and loves what he is doing.

When he was 12 years old, Saidi tells us that he remembers asking his father to teach him how to heal people with herbs, and that was when he began his journey as a herbal healer, he earns a living through the healing he does to members of his community. Over the years he has received clients from different regions and he is well known by the authorities, he has a licence permitting him to heal people.

Thank you Said, you're a legend

*By Christina Kavumvuli (STVolunteer)*



**Saidi  
Mwichande  
Muhina**

## Agricultural Trainer

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Nkandi, he is a 70 year old man who lives in Kahama-Shinyanga. He used to work as a government official in the 70s under the department of food and agriculture, he is now retired although he is still active in educating other people in investing in home gardens. He is a legend because of his volunteering spirit and support.

He was visited by the SAVEELDERS team in 2022, together they prepared a session for 20 elders, training them on how to initiate home gardens through used sachet bags. The training was practical and the SAVEELDERS team was there to support the first initial costs that included buying the bags, seeds and facilitating the training. Nkandi now has a sustainable garden at his home where everyone is allowed to go and learn from.

Thank you Nkandi, you're a legend

*By Beatrice Mwijage (ST Volunteer)*



**Jacob  
Nkandi**

## Charcoal business

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Francis William Kifunda is 69 years old, and lives in Tanga and Samba by tribe. He invested his time and money in a charcoal selling business. He collects bulk of charcoal from small businesses and gathers them in a single place and redistributes them as a wholesaler or retailer. He is a legend because of his ideas and commitment at work.

He started this business for almost 5 years, for him earning is constant because the nature of people in his surrounding depend much on charcoal for cooking more than other sources. On a day basis he can earn up to 20000 Tzs and this is enough to obtain his needs and clear other bills. He bulk he buys from the wholesale and then he re divides into small size that sells per can 2000 Tzs. He is committed and enjoys working in what he invests.

Thanks to Francis, you're the legend.

*By Stanley Urassa (ST Volunteer)*



**Francis  
William  
Kifunda**

## Community Volunteer

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Christopher Hussein Tema, is a 70 year old man. He lives at Bagamoyo and he is a Kwele by tribe. He is a farmer by trade but has a passion for community work. He works to help and support groups of elders in his community , children as well as women. He supports them through conflict resolution, asset ownership and human rights assistance.

His farm produce is enough to feed his household for an entire year, although volunteering for community work has been an aspiration of his for many years. He has been doing this for a while now, by resolving cases concerning vulnerable groups in his community, and to this day he has been appointed by the community to lead resolution of conflicts in his community. He is a legend because of his volunteerism and supporting community development.

Thanks to Christopher, you're the legend

*By Abby Arton (ST Volunteer)*



**Christopher  
Hussein  
Tema**



## Local Breweries Producer

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Meet Rose, she is a 63 year old woman, she is a small entrepreneur – she owns a home shop that sells mainly sugar, rice and salt but on the other hand she owns a local grocery that enables her to meet her needs and those of her grandchildren. She lives in Tanga.

She has a side business making a selling local brew and has employed about 4 young people who assist her with distribution of the local brew which is available at both wholesale and retail. She depends much on community members who are living around her area to purchase the brew. She can earn upto 10000–15000 Tzs. During holidays she receives a lot of customers especially during the evening hours after farm hours majority join in her grocery to celebrate with glasses of local made alcohol.

Thank you Rose, you're the legend.

*By Stanley Urassa (STVolunteer)*



**Rose  
Andrew  
Luhui**

## Community Volunteer

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

His name is Matthew Theobald Msendo, He was born and raised in Moshi-Kilimanjaro and Chaga by tribe. He is 70 years old. He volunteers his time at the community development project based on supporting children who are from poor families and those who are living with HIV/AIDS on adhering medication and making follow up. He is a legend because of his community volunteering role.

He started serving his community in 2012, and the only benefits he has received this far was attending training and other opportunities. He said in his spare time he works on his farms and spends time with his family. The major challenge in his work, sometimes you find people with HIV do not want to adhere to medication, hence he has to work hard advising and motivating them to accept and start adhering medication.

Thank you Matthew, you're a legend.

*By Stanley Urassa (ST Volunteer)*



**Mathew  
Theobald  
Msando**

## Entrepreneur

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Julius Yesaya Nkya is an extraordinary man who is currently in his late 60's. He is a Chagga who resides in Arusha. Julius is an entrepreneur who owns a small shop not so far from where he lives in Arusha. The shop sells food crops that he gathered after harvesting in his farm and other home cooking products and ingredients.

He lives alone. Apart from his shop, Julius is also a poultry farmer and works very hard to ensure all his needs are catered for. He is a legend because of his hardwork and performing multi-tasking work. Nkya is a legend due to the fact that what he harvests does not only cater for his household but also goes beyond sharing it with elders in need!

Thank you Julius, you're a legend

*By Flora Masuka (STVolunteer)*



**Julius  
Yesaya  
Nkya**

## Tuition Teacher

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Salome S. Bunango aka 'Bibi Mwalimu' is a 75 years old retired teacher and Sukuma by tribe living in Mwanza. She retired in 1998 but still teaches students on part time basis in a church compound till today.

She believes that getting old does not make one forget about her skills, as the saying goes "An old broom knows(sweeps) all corners". Salome is a legend because even at her old age she has chosen to impact education to pupils in her community. Her expertise lies in teaching English, Swahili and Handwriting lessons for class one and two. She is always a happy soul and proud of her work, making her liked by students.

Thank you Salome, you're a legend.

*By Beatrice Mwijage (ST Volunteer)*



**Salome S.  
Bunango**

## A mat weaver

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Mwaisha Amani Boli is 120 years old, and lives in Lindi–Kilwa Kisangi. A yao by tribe. She spent her time and age on farming activities and the most interesting was a mat weaver for her home decoration and for her friends. Which in her community is regarded as a tradition, it is common to use mats for home decor as well as in rituals and ceremonies such as weddings or burials.

She said on those days, she was one among the experts in her family who learned from her parents on how to wave mat. In their free time after all home activities, they used to sit as family and (Wanasuka ukiri/mikeka). Many times she keeps so many in her home and many times gives for free to neighbours and or relative for funeral service or burial bodies. She advises young boys and girls to take care of themselves with HIV.

Thank you Mwaisha, you're a legend.

*By Sarah lamba (STVolunteer)*



**Mwaisha  
Amani  
Boli**

## Sea Moss Farmer

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Pateki Hamisi Ally, she is 61 years old she lives at Kilwa –Songosongo island, she is a Matumbi by tribe. She has been a sea moss farmer for almost 30 years she is also a fish, mainly octopus. She manages to do all this because of the nature of the work on the island where she grew up. She is a legend because of her daring spirit.

She said, what is needed during planting sea moss is a rope, sticks and hard rod that will assist in digging and holding the seeded moss. When the sea is not clear or when she is waiting to harvest for the sea moss, she invests her time in cooking and selling Sambusa at her house.

Thank you Pateki, You're a legend.

*By Sarah lamba (STVolunteer)*



**Pateki  
Hamisi  
Ally**

## Basket Weaver

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Her name is Imelda Ibrahim, she is 66 years old. She is a Haya by tribe, born and raised in Kagera. Imelda resides in a place called Omukibeta. Imelda is a skilled weaver with more than 44 years of experience and learnt weaving from her mother.

Growing up, weaving was considered a basic skill for young girls and women because Mothers would spare time after lunch hours to teach their daughters how to weave. Imelda considers weaving being easy as it only uses the hands. She sells up to 5 baskets and this earns up to Tzs 30,000.00 depending on the size and material used. She is home-based, so her customers often visit her home for both wholesale and retail purchases. Imelda is a legend for seeing an opportunity and going for it.

Thank you Imelda, you're a legend.

*By Christina Kavumvuli (ST Volunteer)*



**Imelda  
Ibrahim**

## Genge Owner

### #WeCelebrateYou

Her name is Sabina Moses, well known as Bibi Sungura. She is more than 70 years old and lives in Tunduru–Ruvuma in a street called Magengeni and Ngoni by a tribe that originated in Msumbiji. She is selling vegetables and other cooking ingredients such as onion, tomatoes, in an open space near her home. She is a granny with a lot of jokes around and experienced in business.

Before selling vegetables, she was a pot maker, but she broke her hands and that caused her to stop working on making pots and some farm work. She finds selling vegetables easier work for her because she earns and the remaining vegetables can be consumed by her household. She is a legend because of her commitment in handling her business.

Thank you Sabina, you're a legend.

*By Sarah Lamba (STVolunteer)*



**Sabina  
Moses**



## Community Health Worker

*#WeCelebrateYouToday.*

Muhamed Mwasi is a 70 years old multi-talented man who resides in Mpakani B, Kijitonyama, Dar es Salaam. He is Zaramu by tribe. For over 6 years, Mwasi has worked as a community health worker devoted to educating the community on issues related to HIV, Polio, COVID-19, sanitation and general hygiene.

Apart from imparting knowledge to the community, Mwasi is also a tailor, a legend at it. After normal work hours, he joins his group of friends at the tailoring shop where he works until late night hours. Knowing he is yet to retire, Mwasi is currently mentoring his daughter to carry on his legacy and follow in his footsteps. Mwasi is energetic and enthusiastic about making positive change. Mwasi is a Legend.

Thank you Mwasi, you're a legend

*By Ema Boki (ST Volunteer)*



**Muhamed  
Mwasi**

## Community Chairperson

*#WeCelebrateYouToday*

Her name is Claritha Mrope, She is 65 years old born and raised in Lindi and Mwere by tribe. She has more than 20 years working as a community hamlet chairperson. In her free time she works on farms that she inherited from her family and husband. She is a legend due to her leadership approach and way of resolving community conflicts.

When she is solving community conflict many time she finds solution before sunset in the morning and she never charges anyone to pay, because in other hamlet when you bring a case to your leader you have to pay 5000 TZS for it to be discussed but for Claritha leadership she never accept that and that make her people to love her the most. She is a legend due to her leadership approach and way of resolving community conflicts.

Thank you Claritha, you're a legend

*By Sarah Lamba (STVolunteer)*



**Claritha  
Mrope**

## The Carpentry

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Musa Saidi Mamu is an eighty-year-old man, born in Mtwara–Nanyumbu–Nandete by then, He currently resides at Tunduru–Nakapanya, Ruvuma region with his wife. He is an expert at carpentry and wood sculpting, a trade he learned from his neighbour who was his mentor at carpentry and wood sculpting. Musa joined vocational training on carpentry after he discovered that he had a passion and talent for it.

He started working on his career and lived it throughout his life for more than 60 years to this present, this is an impressive fit for a lifelong career and until his old age he feels proud as he has been innovative and gained abundant skills and designs/creations. He has also mentored three young guys, a new generation of carpenters and wood sculptors, who are now independent and leading their lives of trade and art.

Thank you Saidi, You're a legend.

*By Lea Mponda (STVolunteer)*



**Musa  
Saidi  
Mamu**

## The blacksmith

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Seleman Rashidi Hamis Machokopa popularly known as Mzee Bomani. Is a 70 year old man born at Masasi–Mtwara, later he reallocated to Namiungo–Tunduru with his two wives. He has been a blacksmith (Muhunzi) for more than 40 years, he is quite skilled and experienced learned from his parents and during his career growth the first thing that he managed to create was a knife.

He repairs axes and hand hoes commonly used in small-scale farming at his village. He also tells us that blacksmithing exerts heavy physical stress on his body to the point that he has to take pain killing pills due to the physical fatigue caused by working with manually operated tools. He wished his fellow elders could learn the trait and work the skills to earn a living, but this will not be possible for them because of the physical exhaustion the job can exert on an old man's body.

Thank you Seleman, You're a legend.

*By Angel Kazula (STVolunteer)*



**Selemani  
Rashidi  
Hamis  
Machopoka**

## The Chef

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Paul Thomas Kileo is a 71 year old man residing in Karatu District, Arusha region. He enjoys making snacks such as chips and various nuts as he used to make snacks back when he worked at the old Kilimanjaro hotel now known as Hyatt Regency.

This skill that he stills has enabled him to make a living ever since he retired to this day. He is able to supply his snacks at various supermarkets and mini super markets around the region. He is proud that he still gets to use his passion for cooking to support his family and his own personal needs, a passion he has had since his younger days, he gets 5-10 clients a day. He advises more youth to learn new things because they have a sharp mind and are good at innovation. They should look for unique and different opportunities rather than stick to the common business.

Thank you Paul, You're a legend.

*By Ally Nyamhoza (ST Volunteer)*



**Paul  
Thomas  
Kileo**

## Owning a Genge

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Savisian Maembe. A.k.a Bi. mbogamboga is a 69 year old woman residing at Karatu–Arusha. She is a vegetables and fruit vendor with a kiosk but she also does house to house delivery. She has been doing this for three years now, since 2021. Before selling vegetables and fruits she used to fry and sell French fries but due to using fire wood she could no longer tolerate the smoke that came with using fire wood.

She then decides to switch to selling vegetables instead. She tells us she has about 10 clients a day. She gets the vegetables and fruits from a nearby market, processes them, packs the veggies and fruits neatly and then delivers them to her customers. She is proud that this activity helps her meet her daily needs and also those of her family. She really wishes she could have support in establishing a home garden where she can grow the vegetable on her own.

Thank you Savisian, You're a legend.

*By Ally Nyamhoza (ST Volunteer)*



**Savisian  
Maembe**

## The Weaver

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Domina Kalolo Tinga is a 65 year old woman. She is a skilled weaver , she makes baskets and carpets from a special kind of dried up grass. Domina lives in Rukwa–Sumbawanga and she is a fipa by tribe. She started weaving in the year 2000 so she has been doing this for 23 years.

She started weaving because she had these skills from her younger years. She depends on orders given but she also finds customers. On a day basis she can have 5–10 orders. Many times in her culture the majority use the weave baskets for home decoration, and even decoration in any of ceremonies such as weddings or any culture events. She enjoys weaving because what is more needed is her mind to balance raw material colours and her hands for weave. She is a legend because she is talented and she provides for her family.

Thanks you Domina, You're a legend.

*By Reguli Marandu (ST Volunteer)*



**Domina  
Kalolo  
Tinga**

## Our Iron smith

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Ezekiel Wayton Cheyo is a 62 year old man residing at Rukwa- Sumbawanga, he is a Mundali by tribe. Ezekiel is an iron smith, he makes bells, hand hoes and knives out of recycled iron ore. Ezekiel has been doing this for three years now, he gets opportunities to sell his products in market places as well as making home deliveries for customers who placed orders.

He began this trade after realising he was now too old to farm, he has an average of 15 clients earning at least 5000 TZS a day. He is a legend because he found a way to support his family at his old age and sends his children to school. He would like to get support on more capital since his market is expanding.

Thanks you Ezekiel, You're a legend.

*By Reguli Marandu (STVolunteer)*



**Ezekiel  
Wayton  
Cheyo**



## Mats Weaver

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Benedict Ngatunga is a 73 years old weaver from Ngelenge Village in Njombe region. He has been on a waiver for almost 8 years now, waiving local mats and selling them at a close by market in his village.

He prefers waiving because it doesn't require a lot of energy and suitable for someone at his age. It only needs his hands and little skills for patterning the mats. According to him, he gets not less than 5 customers a day. The raw materials are available in his surroundings, around the river shore where he dries them before waiving. He is a legend because he identified and utilised the opportunity in his Community.

Thanks you Benedict, You're a legend.

*By Daria Magulu (ST Volunteer)*



**Benedict  
Ngatunga**

## Small Scale Farmer

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Elimina Nikolaus Nganju. He is a 78 year old man, she resides in Iudewa-Njombe. Elimina has been a small-scale farmer for 20 years; she took the initiative after lacking support from her children.

After harvesting he sells her produce directly to customers who usually follow him at his home place, he also leaves some harvest for personal consumption. At the beginning he was discouraged by change in weather patterns but after understanding this he no longer faces problems during planting. He is familiar with the market and price, as he gets updates from other farmers and frequently asks community leaders for updates.

Thanks you Elimina, You're a legend.

*By Daria Magulu (ST Volunteer)*



**Elimina  
Nikolas  
Nganju**

## Entrepreneur

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Aneth Kiyando, popularly known as 'bibi chiku'. She is a 60 year old woman and Nyakyusa by tribe. She resides in Mbeya-Itigi, she sells rice at a popular market called Matola. She had been selling rice at this market for more than 12 years. Her business is small scale.

She picked selling rice since it's a major harvested commodity in Mbeya hence is easily available. She buys the rice from a wholesaler and she sells it at retail. In one day Aneth can get about 4-5 customers whereas one KG of rice is around 1900-2000 TZS. She is a legend for noticing an opportunity and diving into it. She makes sure the quality of rice she collects is well observed and makes sure her customers are satisfied.

Thank you Aneth, You're a legend.

*By Catherine Mrema (ST Volunteer)*



**Aneth  
Kiyando**

## Charcoal stove business

#WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Amos Said Mkembela, famously known as 'iskauke'. He is a 74 year old man living in Mbeya–Isanga. He is a hehe by tribe. He obtains a living by selling charcoal stoves at a popular market known as Matola. Amos has been doing this for more than 8 years. He says that he has customers but a majority of them are from low income households, in one week Amos can sell 2–3 stoves.

The stoves he sells are very durable hence he doesn't expect a customer to come buy another stove soon after having bought one. He buys these stoves from a wholesaler and he sells them as retail. He is comfortable with the business, the little he earns he saves for his needs, and he enjoys being around the market making friends and joking around–this makes him smile

Thank you Amos, You're a legend.

*By Catherine Mrema (ST Volunteer)*



**Amos  
Saidi  
Mkembela**

## Small entrepreneur

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Meet Nuru Yakobo, she is well known as bibi Mchungaji, she is 70 years old and lives in Arusha—she is a Meru by tribe. She works as a street vendor selling cooking spices to local restaurants.

She has about two years of experience in this trade. She was motivated to take part in this venture so as she could earn money to meet her basic needs. She buys from wholesalers at Kilombero market and retails the product to her customers earning at least 10000 TZs and saves 5000 TZS per batch of spices. She enjoys walking around and meeting people and new customers. She says, instead of just sitting, she does some jogging while walking.

Thank you to Nuru, You're a legend.

*By Ally Nyamhoza (STVolunteer)*



**Nuru  
Yakobo**

## Carpenter

### #WeCelebrateYouToday

Yusuph Ayubu Abraham is a 68 year old man. He is a Tumbatu by tribe, he resides at Zanzibar-Mboriborini but works at Sebuleni. Yusuph is a local carpenter who makes beds by using locally made ropes with experience of about 30-40 years.

Before picking up this trade he used to be a police officer in Zanzibar until he retired.

He attributes this to his grandmother who persuaded him to have a hobby outside his employment as it could have helped him in his future. He currently works as part of a group of carpenters and they all benefit, one bed can bring in 45000 TZS for local customers while also selling to hotels. Although there is price fluctuation due to tourism seasons. He is proud of his work because it makes him independent and able to meet his needs, with this business he has been able to invest in other opportunities

Thank you Yusuph, You're a legend.

*By Abdalla Pandu (ST Volunteer)*



**Yusuph  
Ayubu**

## Community volunteer

#WeCelebrateYouToday

His name is Wallace Mwakikalo, he resides at Kigogo–Dar es salaam. He is 70 plus years old and Nyakyusa by tribe. He is a retired man from Muhimbili hospital as an assistant nurse. Currently he is working as a Secretary at the Pension for the retired older people in Dar es salaam.

He has more than worked on supporting his fellow elders to have access to their pension. He is proud because he has been trained and attended several meetings that enhance his leadership skills. His major role is to bridge the gap between elders and government. He collects though and gathers meetings and reports to the respective governing bodies for support. He was appointed by his fellow elders at Kigogo and now is there to serve them.

Thank you Wallace, You're a legend.

*By Jacqueline Raphael (ST Volunteer)*



**Wallace  
Mwakikalo**



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